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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 1182

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TAGS: PFOR, LI, GV, AO

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO VISIT GUINEA: POSSIBLE ANGOLA
CONNECTION

1. GOL RADIO STATION ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT PRESIDENT
TOBERT WOULD PAY ONE DAY VISIT TO GUINEA FEBRUARY 18 TO DISCUSS
QTE MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN UNQTE WITH PRESIDENT TOURE. PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT ELABORATE ON PURPOSE OF VISIT.

2. PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAD INFORMED ME LATE YESTERDAY BY PERSONAL
LETTER THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LONG-PLANNED,
LONG-AGREED UPON USG DEDICATION CEREMONY TAKING PLACE TODAY.
I SUSPECTED THEN THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING QUICK TRIP TO
NEARBY COUNTRY TO DISCUSS ANGOLA AND OTHER ISSUES LIKELY TO
ARISE AT FORTHCOMING CM MEETING. LAST NIGHT AT RECEPTION AT MY
RESIDENCE, EXECUTIVE MANSION CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TOLD
ME TOLBERT WAS GOING TO CONAKRY BUT PROTOCOL CHIEF COULD NOT
OR WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON SUBSTANCE OF VISIT.

COMMENT: MY ASSUMPTION THAT ANGOLA AND CM MEETING ARE PURPOSE OF
VISIT MAY NOT BE VALID. ANNOUNCED COMPOSITION OF ENTOURAGE DOES
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NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTER (HE REPRESENTING PRESIDENT

AT AFOREMENTIONED USG CEREMONY) OR ANY OTHER CABINET MEMBERS.
HIGHEST RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE IS CHARLES A.
COOPER, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS. OTHER
MEMBERS OF ENTOURAGE ARE OF SIMILAR RANK. THIS IS UNUSUAL FOR
TOLBERT. HE NORMALLY TAKES WITH HIM ON INTERNATIONAL JUNKETS THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE SENIOR DEPUTY FONMIN AND OTHERS OF EQUAL
RANK FROM OTHER MINISTRIES HAVING INTEREST IN THE TRIP. ON THE
OTHER HAND, ANGOLA AND CM MAY BE SUBJECT OF MEETING AND TOLBERT
TAKING LOW-LEVEL DELEGATION IN ORDER AVOID CREATING IMPRESSION
HE TRYING PRESSURE TOURE UNDULY OR VICE-VERSA. END COMMENT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GLEANINGS CONAKRY MAY PICK UP.
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